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February Meeting Quartzite Hamfest

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At the February meeting Dave Ward KD6DW gave a great presentation on the Quartzite Hamfest. Quartzfest as it is called, is held in Quartzite Arizona every January. Founded in 1997. Quartzfest is held concurrent with the Quartzite RV show. The seven day long amateur radio event is believed to be the only one of its type in the world.

An attendee can look forward to seven days of seminars on topics related to amateur radio and alternative energy. There are pot luck dinners and all manner of events to keep everyone of all interests busy for the seven day event.

For those interested more information on Quartzfest can be found at

<http://www.quartzfest.org/php/main.php?Home>

There is also a Yahoo Group for discussing all things related to Quartzfest, that can be found at Quartzfest Wanderers

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/quartzfest_wanderers/info



Above One of the many antennas seen at Quartzfest. Many had permanently mounted antennas on RV's that could be raised and lowered remotely.

To the left a picture of the midway at Quartzfest. Plenty of activities including a flea market. More pictures of Quartzfest on the following pages.



Club Happenings

A few items to mention;

The club is giving consideration to moving it's meeting location to the Ranch House Restraint, this will be on a trial basis.

The new club repeaters are on back order from Yaesu. Yaesu has said they should be available in March.

Remember club dues can now be paid for online at our website.

I do want to take a moment and apologize for the lack of content this month; I'm working against a deadline and must have the newsletter finished sooner than usual due to issues here at home. More content coming next month.

Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each. You can get a 2013 Field Day shirt or the standard club shirt, both styles of shirts have the club logo on the back and the left side.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.

ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2



One of the many presentations at Quartzfest.

Below many attendees take part in an off road event.



The San Diego Morse Code Practice Group

Mark Wardwell KB6PJU has been running a code practice group on the WA6BGS VHF and UHF repeaters. The repeaters are linked to accommodate the needs and accessibility of all who wish to participate. The code practice Group meets at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Next Month's Meeting

To be announced, see our website for details.



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Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at www.wa6bgs.us which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

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